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In re Application of:

CONZONE, Samuel, D.

Group Art Unit

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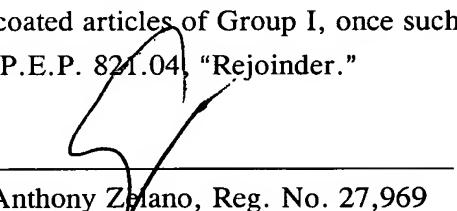
For: NON-DESTRUCTIVE QUALITY CONTROL METHOD FOR MICROARRAY
SUBSTRATE COATINGS VIA LABELED DOPING

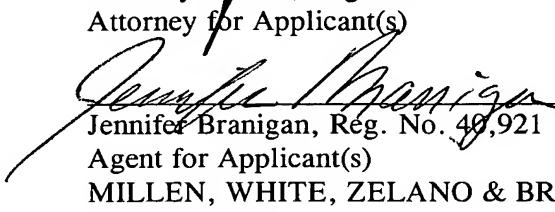
RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION

Commissioner for Patents
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SIR:

Applicants elect Group I, Claims 1-34, 60 and 62-78 with traverse. The restriction is traversed on the grounds that, e.g., a search of all the claims would not be an undue burden since the searches would comprise extensive overlapping subject matter. If the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the examiner must examine it on the merits, even were it to include claims to independent or distinct inventions. See, M.P.E.P. 803. Accordingly, withdrawal of the restriction is requested. In any case, Applicant intends to request rejoinder of the methods of Group II, directed to the methods of use of the coated articles of Group I, once such compounds are indicated as allowable. See, e.g., M.P.E.P. 821.04, "Rejoinder."


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